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Dear Ms. Taylor:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 100415.

The City of Houston (the "city") received a request for the following information:

(1) Copies of all Auction sales receipts for the October 16, 1995 Long Gun Auction held at the George Brown Convention Center.

(2) Copies of the sign in sheet with Bidder Number listings for the October 16, 1995 Long Gun Auction held at the George Brown Convention Center.

You have released some of this information to the requestor, however you claim that information contained in two requested documents is excepted from disclosure under section 552.117 of the Government Code. You have submitted to this office for review a copy of the documents that contain the information you believe is excepted from disclosure.

The documents at issue contain a police officer's home address, home telephone number, and driver's license number. Section 552.117 excepts from disclosure:

[i]nformation that relates to the home address, home telephone number, or social security number, or that reveals whether the following person has family members:

(1) a current or former official or employee of a governmental body, except as otherwise provided by Section 552.024; or

(2) a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a security officer commissioned under Section 51.212, Education Code.

We assume that the police officer named in the documents at issue is a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. In accordance with section 552.117, the city must withhold from disclosure those portions of the documents that reveal the police officer's home address and home telephone number. However, the plain language of section 552.117 does not cover driver's license numbers. Therefore, the city may not withhold the officer's driver's license number pursuant to section 552.117.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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